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DEVELOPMENT OF TOWNSHIPS ON RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether project reports for development of townships on different rivers in Maharashtra have been submitted to Union Government for approval under the National River Action Plan under the Tenth Five Year Plan ;

(b) if so, the cost of the different projects alongwith the time since when the same are pending ;

(c) the cost escalation incurred as a result thereof ;

(d) the reasons for delay and the stage at which they are pending; and

(e) the time by which they are likely to be cleared for implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) No project reports for development of townships on different rivers in Maharashtra have been received in this Ministry. However, the Government of Maharashtra has submitted river pollution abatement project report for Kolhapur town along river Panchganga (costing Rs. 49.74 crore) in the year 2002, and in the year 2004 for Wai town along river Krishna (costing Rs. 53.83 crore), Pandharpur town along river Bhima (costing Rs. 26.61 crore), Prakasha town along river Tapi (costing Rs. 4.62 crore), Paithan town along river Godavari (costing Rs.12.80 crore) and Nawapur town along river Rangawali (costing Rs. 4.55 crore) for approval under the National River Conservation Plan during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) These projects could not be considered for approval due to constraint of funds during the Tenth Five Year Plan. However, it was suggested that the State Government may undertake these projects out of the State Plan provisions by seeking necessary funds from the Planning Commission including exploring the possibility of initiating the projects with public-private partnership.

(e) Does not arise.